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Web-Based Bookmarking

PortaPortal & Delicious

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1. **What are some key features of a web-based bookmarking utility that are helpful to teachers who want to share links with students? Setting up a PortaPortal account was incredibly easy, and it is quite user-friendly. The key features are organization and quick access to each link within the categories. Each category is very simple to expand upon or create subgroups for, and likewise it is easy to remove or edit any resources you provide. For example I considered common difficulties students often face when writing papers, so in my Essay Help Guide tab I included links to safe sites for accessing information on both MLA format and how to properly complete a works cited page.**
2. **What are some key features of a social bookmarking utility that are helpful to teachers who want to find websites for instructional purposes? While the layout of Delicious is visually more appealing the layout is not. It was also not as easy to import my bookmarks into, as I had to use Safari rather than my normal Firefox browser. The concept of being able to look up popular tags in different categories is quite cool, but when I clicked on popular tags it didn’t organize them in any real order. The site is not very easily navigable.**
3. **What are the key differences between the two different applications? Consider the method of setting up an account, organizing, and sharing websites. Also consider issues of privacy and suitability for different grade levels. The key difference between PortaPortal and Delicious is organization. PortaPortal allows the user to assign categories to the bookmarks, allowing it to be more user-friendly. I feel either site is appropriate for school-age children, and I do think they would like how similar the look of Delicious is to something like Facebook. The privacy settings for both sites default to private, which I like. Specifically Delicious allows you to toggle each bookmark as private or public, which was a plus.**